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YOUR EDITOR SAYS "HELLO!"

ONCE again the time of the year has come around when I can wish you all "A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year." This is our last issue of "Chin Up" for 1961, and it is our fourth birthday. It was in the issue of December, 1957, that the Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria, Lieutenant-General Hon. Sir Edmund Herring, wrote a foreword beginning: "It is with great pleasure that I offer my congratulations to the members of the Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Association of Victoria on the launching of their own magazine."

Sir Edmund Herring's wish, then expressed, for "the best of all successes" for "Chin Up" has so far been realised. And on this occasion of our birthday we must think of those who have made that success possible for us—our Advertisers. They are the ones who "bring home the bacon" without which the magazine could not be published. Thank you, Advertisers, for your friendship and faithful support. We hope that you feel proud of your protege.

And thanks, too, to that pair of trusty representatives who go around and charm the Advertisers into advertising in "Chin Up," Mr. Bruce Leahy, M.B.E., and Secretary Fred Storer, O.B.E. They do a great job.

Thanks, too, to WEG, who has again come to our help with a delightful cartoon. And we are glad to have with us again Mr. C. C. Soden, with one of his excellent contributions; and the ever-faithful Sergeant Drummer Kennedy in London. We are glad, also, to welcome to our pages a number of contributors whose efforts, I am sure you will agree, grace this issue.

And now, to you all, good reading, and every good wish.

THE EDITOR.

THE VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION

Your President Says:

Fellow Members,—

YOU are advised that the Club Rooms are closed on all Public Holidays and from Friday, December 22nd, 1961, until Wednesday, January 3rd, 1962. This covers the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Please do not send any mail to the office during that period. Also, I would like to remind you that our office hours are from Monday to Friday, 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. daily.

The Welfare and Social Clubs in Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and Footscray-Williamstown areas are doing a wonderful job, and I would advise members residing in these districts to join the clubs and attend meetings. By doing so you will help less fortunate comrades. Mr. L. A. Wells, President of the R.S.L. Branch in Mildura and a T.P.I. member, has formed a Welfare and Social Club in that district, and would be pleased to hear from members wishing to join the Club.

A group of members in the Frankston area have a Welfare and Social Club. Their Secretary, Mr. E. V. Finster, of 39 Davey Street, Frankston, will be pleased to advise members in that district who may wish to join this newly-formed Club.

Peter Robinson Motors, of Lilydale, have presented a Trophy for the T.P.I. 1961 Annual Snooker Tournament.

A Welfare Office has been opened at R.G.H., and a Welfare Officer is in attendance daily between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Visits are still made to Bundoora Hospital, Macleod Sanatorium, Anzac Hostel and the R.S.L. House, Frankston, and at this time of the year Welfare Officers are distributing parcels to inmates of these Institutions, and to members who are unable to leave their homes.

The automatic lift has been finalised, and we are waiting on the Red Cross to complete all the necessary arrangements with the Architects and Engineers for the commencement of the building alterations.

The Second Exhibition of the Art Group's work was officially opened by Cr. Bernard Evans, D.S.O., E.D., at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 13th, 1961.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the people who have been of service to our Association throughout the year, and particularly to the office staff, members and the lady helpers in the Association's Club Rooms.

In conclusion, I wish to all members and friends of the Association a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

A. MACKENZIE,
President.

Letters to the Secretary:

Privileges in Perth.

"I RETURNED yesterday from Perth. While over there I presented your letter of introduction to Mr. Wilkinson, Hon. Secretary, T.P.I., Western Australia. I received a very warm welcome from him, and from all members present. I was given a membership card, and accorded all the privileges enjoyed by West Australian members, which I very much appreciated.

"Would you please accept my sincere thanks for your kindness."

(From E. Birch, Badge No. 1767).

Departed Comrade.

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Greetings from the

FEDERAL PRESIDENT

AS we are fast approaching the end of another year, and thoughts are being directed towards the festive season, one is reminded, according to custom, that the time has arrived to send messages of cheer and goodwill to our fellowmen. So once again I am privileged to send a Christmas message to you all.

Since my last message to you, your Federal representatives visited Canberra for the purpose of discussing and placing before the people responsible, matters of importance to all T.P.I.'s. An increase of 10/- per week in the T.P.I. rate of pension has been received by all, for which we are very grateful. But one matter, which in our opinion is of vital importance to many of our members, namely Medical Benefit for Wives, did not become a reality, though when presenting your case, the emphasis was on this particular subject.

To the wives of members I would say that you can rest assured that this matter will still receive top rating when the case is again presented.

Also, at this time of the year, thoughts turn to holidays, parties, etc. But we also remember those of our members too sick to participate, and send to them a sincere good wish for a happier future.

To all members, their wives, and their families, may this Christmas be merry and bright, and the New Year hold in store for you all many pleasant surprises, improved health, and happier days.

Again wishing you all sincere Christmas greetings,

Yours faithfully,

R. W. FOX,

Federal President.

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121547	A. Williams	West 2
121548	G. Hodgson	6a
121549	P. Murphy	10a
121550	J. Oakes	6

General Members.

Ticket No.	Member	Badge No.
121551	N. A. Burke	1551
121552	H. E. Duckworth	1265
121553	A. S. McIntyre	3342
121554	W. O. Rankin	4234
121555	T. Hanrahan	6670
121556	J. E. Kemp	3958

BENDIGO WELFARE AND SOCIAL CLUB.

Would T.P.I. members please note that only financial members of the above club are eligible to receive concessions with regard to Football and Cricket Matches and Race Meetings held in the Bendigo District.

APPRECIATION

As this issue goes to press, appreciation is expressed to Dr. John Heath, 94 Collins Street, Melbourne, for his generous financial support towards the cost of publication of "Chin Up!"

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LONDON NEWS

THEY'RE CHANGING THE GUARD AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

. . . and "Hanging the Brick" at Knightsbridge Barracks

IN the accompanying photographs, which were sent to Association Secretary, Mr. Fred Storer, O.B.E., by the ever-faithful Sergeant-Drummer, Frank A. Kennedy, in London, we see two famous British Army ceremonies.

The photographs of the Changing of the Guard were taken by Frank Kennedy "when some R.S.L. visitors wanted to see the ceremony," as he wrote to Fred Storer. "It is something that can be seen every day at 10 a.m., and among the crowd there are always many Australian visitors." The upper picture is of the Grenadier Guards marching the New Guard from Wellington Barracks to the Palace; the lower is of the Old Guard leaving the Palace. (And in regard to this photograph, Frank Kennedy says to Fred Storer: "Note the short trail of the rifle.")

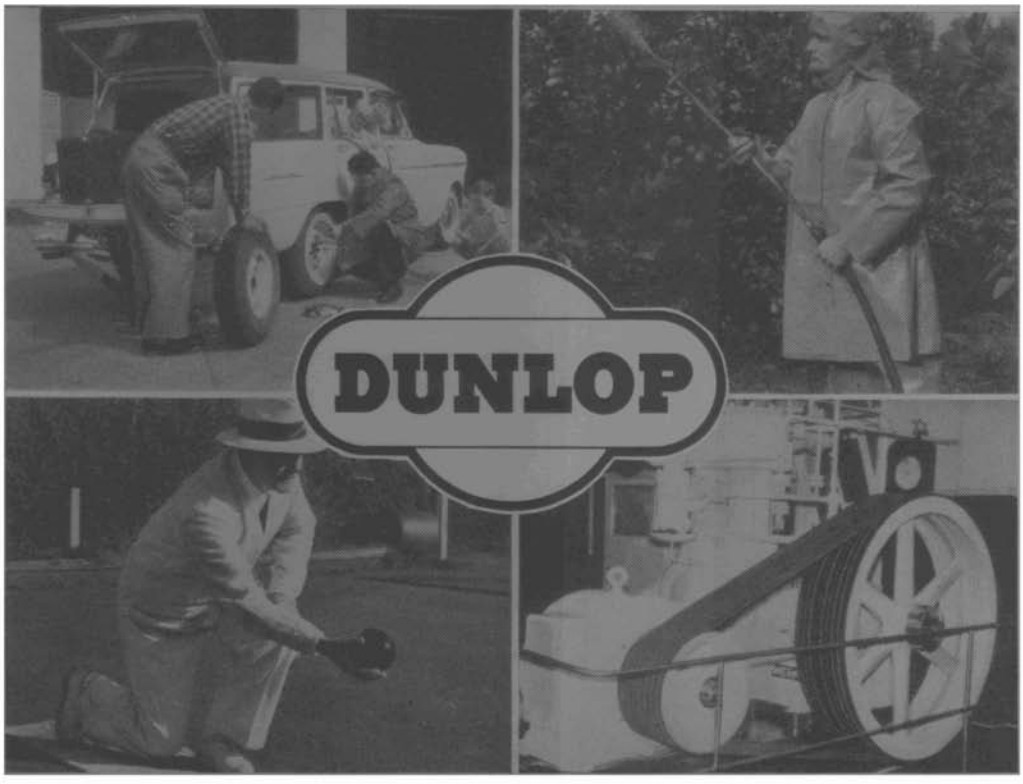
In his accompanying letter, Frank Kenedy mentions some names which will be known to many T.P.I.'s. "When I was up at Australia House the other day," he says, "I met more visitors you may know. One was Neville Rollason, who was a Company Commander in the 6th Battalion. Frank Brent was his C.S.M. While we were having a chat two others joined us, they were Pat Hanna and Brian Armstrong, both of Legacy."

Of the "Hanging the Brick" ceremony, Frank Kennedy says that it takes place in the Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s Mess in the Household Cavalry's Barracks, Knightsbridge, every Christmas. The Brick is in a golden casket and is hung over the bar.

At the ceremony last Christmas there were among those present a number of Warrant Officers and Staff Sergeants from Australian Army Headquarters in London. They had a pleasant surprise for the Regimental Corporal Major, Jock Neill. They presented him with a Digger's Hat; and when the small orchestra under the direction of Corporal Major Kennedy saw this, they struck up "Waltzing Matilda," with the whole assembled company joining in the singing.

The photograph shows Warrant Officer S. Bolitho shaking hands with Regimental Corporal Major Neill, after presenting him with the Digger's Hat, which he is wearing. Grouped around are the Warrant Officers and Staff Sergeants from the Australian Army Headquarters at Australia House, London.

(Frank Kennedy mentions in his letter: "I was speaking to General Sir Richard Howard-Vyse the other day, and I asked him if he was receiving copies of 'Chin-Up'? He said 'Yes,' and what a fine journal it was").



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Education "A Very Important Part of Australia's Debt"

COMMENTING that in all States of the Commonwealth, some 7,000 students are at present undertaking courses under the Soldiers' Children Education Scheme, the Minister for Repatriation, Mr. F. M. Osborne, said recently that the education of the children of the men who served in the two World Wars and other wars is a very important part of Australia's debt.

The Minister was referring to the fact that 44,000 students had completed training courses under the Soldiers' Children Education Scheme, which was started in 1921.

More than 800 of the students at present undertaking courses were studying at Universities or technical schools for professional careers.

The Minister, who was addressing the War Widows' Guild Conference held in Melbourne in October, said the success of the Education Scheme was highlighted by the fact that two of Repatriation's students last year were awarded Rhodes Scholarships.

Both men, one a Victorian and the other a Western Australian, are now at Oxford. They receive a special allowance from the Department to supplement their scholarship allowance.

Mr. Osborne said: "In its various forms, repatriation is the repayment of a debt this country has accepted as a result of two major world wars. The cost of this debt is rising each year, but it is being met willingly by the people of Australia and the Government.

Next year repatriation benefits and services alone will cost more than £97 million but, large as this amount is I hope we will never look upon it in only a financial light.

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From the end of their secondary education they can go on to the University, technical schools, or agricultural colleges, and during that time their fees are paid and allowances given for text books, equipment and fares. A living allowance is also paid.

Mr. Osborne said there were 43,000 war widows and children under the age of 16 receiving pensions in Australia.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

By G. A. Hocking, Chief Welfare Officer

IN submitting this report on the Welfare Activities of the Association for the year 1961, I would like to make known my appreciation of the work done by the Welfare Officers since our office was opened up at the Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg.

The office, which is situated at the old Inquiry Office, Edwin Street, was staffed by Mr. B. Showers and Mr. C. Freestone; and I also attend. When Mr. Freestone had to resign owing to illness, Mr. Ted Connor volunteered to help in his place.

In our work in the office we are able to give Association members and their wives and dependants useful information and help, and my thanks go to those Welfare Officers who give their services in this way. I extend thanks, also, to all the staff right through the R.G.H., for the wonderful co-operation they show to us, and to all Welfare Officers.

Mr. George Marchant is still doing wonderful work around the Fern Tree Gully district, where he never fails to see the sick Diggers in the district. Mr. Harry Elliot is still attending to the patients, T.P.I.'s, in private hospitals who are classed as chronic care cases.

A great number of home visits were made during the year. Macleod Sanatorium is still visited every fortnight by Mr. B. Kidman.

War Veterans' Homes, Frankston: Fortnightly visits are carried out by Mr. P. Willshire to the War Services Homes, where there are 25 members of the Association.

Bundoora Hospital: We have had four visits this year to Bundoora, and each patient is taken supplies of cigarettes, tobacco, sweets and fruit. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Ley, of the Wholesale Fruit Association, for his gift of seasonal fruit.

A sincere "Thank You" goes to Mr. B. Showers, Mr. E. Morrisby, Mr. N. Baxter and Mr. J. McCarthy for their valuable help to me in distributing these amenities.

Funeral Officers.

May I extend my sincere thanks to Mr. G. A. Thompson and Mr. T. Hoare for the way they have conducted the painful duties to our old comrades who have passed to the Great Beyond.

Conclusion.

In concluding this report, I wish to thank the President, the Secretary, and all members of the Executive of the T.P.I. Association, and all the office staff, for their help and co-operation throughout the year. And to all members I offer my best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and a Bright, Happy and Healthily Prosperous New Year.

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Royal Melbourne Show, 1961.

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Weaving, Coarse Cotton—F. Dickson, 2nd.

Soft Toy—R. Hobill, 1st.

Leatherwork—M. Willis, 2nd.

Weaving, Open—B. McGuiness, 3rd.

Leather—T. Turvey, Commended.

Weaving, Wool—J. Jenkins, Highly Commended.

Geelong Agricultural Show.

Handwoven Article, Open—B. McGuiness, 1st.

Handwoven Article, Open—J. Jenkins, 3rd.

Basketry—J. Spence, 2nd.

Leatherwork—M. Willis, 1st.

Leatherwork—T. Turvey, 3rd.

Novelty—E. Harper, 1st.

A REMINDER!
Car Stickers

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HELPING OUR OWN

An Association Member Does This Through Repertory

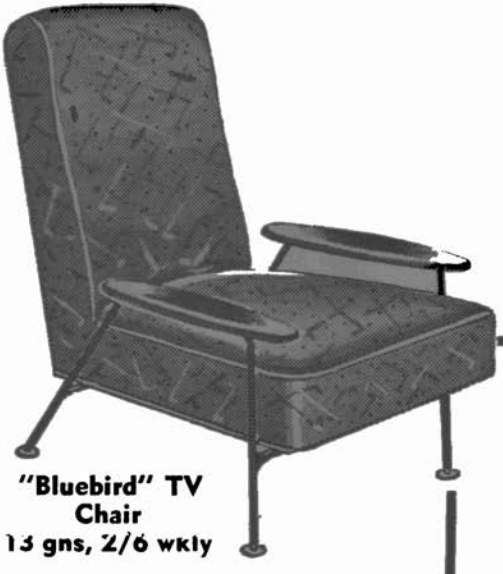
ASSOCIATION member, Bill Berry, and his wife, Eileen, had long been associated with the repertory theatre in England. So when they came to Australia some 10 years ago, they lost no time in linking up with a drama group here. They joined the Theatrelovers' Club, who then had their own theatrette in Flinders Lane, and are today founder members of the Garrick Repertory Company.

This company takes shows—at their own expense—to Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, and to Macleod, Cresswell and Heatherton Sanatoria, in addition to other institutions and homes. Additionally, they have raised money by public performances for the Australian Red Cross, Elderly Citizens, Mentally Retarded Children and similar worthwhile causes. Nowadays they concentrate mainly on the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind.

This year, through the presentation of only two plays each of one performance, they contributed more than £100 to the R.V.I.B. And public response was so encouraging that next year they hope to present each of their productions—which come around approximately every three months—for three-night seasons.

Getting the Garrick Repertory Company under way has not been an easy task. Finding any sort of a suitable hall, where scenery could be stored and prepared, and rehearsals could be held, has been a major problem. A church hall in Malvern; a hall in Hawksburn, another church hall at St. Kilda—these were temporary "homes" of varying suitability.

Then came the day when a letter was read from the R.V.I.B. seeking fund-raising



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ideas. As a result, the Garrick are now putting on all their shows at Ormond Hall.

Plays are still rehearsed in the Berrys' lounge; but they have hopes of finding a more suitable rehearsal room around South Yarra—so if you hear of anything, let them know (their address is Flat 4, 30 Murphy Street). Since everything exceeding cost of production goes to charity, they are unable to pay much in rent. Their working funds come mainly from members of the cast, who contribute 1/- per head during rehearsals, as well as standing the expenses of scripts, costumes, make-up and transport for outside performances.

Their next Ormond Hall performance will probably be in the middle of February next year. The actual dates will be announced. Remember! To see a Garrick production is to contribute to a very worthy cause, the welfare of the sightless. And it is, too, to encourage a hard-working group of people who spend their spare time keeping the "Live" theatre alive, and entertaining for people less fortunate than themselves.

OUR ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

By Ernest J. Burtonclay, Art Group Chairman

CR. BRIGADIER BERNARD EVANS, D.S.O., E.D., A.R.A.I., A.I.A.A., himself a soldier of distinction, an architect of repute, and an artist of merit, did us the honour of officially opening the Second Annual Exhibition of the T.P.I. Art Group at the Club Rooms on Monday, November 13th.

In his opening address, Cr. Evans praised the quality of the work and the standard achieved by the members of the group, and he lauded the objects and aims of the Art Classes, which, he said, were fulfilling a valuable function.

Founded just over two years ago, the Art Group has made great advances which are reflected in the present exhibition. It reflects credit on teachers and students alike—which is no doubt due largely to the spirit of comradeship that unites them.

It was a pleasure to see officers of the Repatriation Commission and Repatriation Department among those present at the opening. We owe much to the Department for willing co-operation and material assistance. I feel sure that the exhibition justified their confidence.

There was much preparatory work in getting this exhibition together and our thanks go to our teachers, Esther Paterson, Betty Paterson, Amelia Phillips and Emily Kannuluik for their sound tuition and unfailing support. We are also much indebted to our two Dorothys, Mrs. Norman Watt and Mrs. Jack Baker, for their help.

The Art Group was able to secure some good publicity for the T.P.I. Association, since the exhibition received a good press, and furthermore the opening ceremony was televised by Channel ABV2. It was screened twice in the News Sessions on Wednesday night, November 15. Our friend Esther, was able to arrange this.

In conclusion, I feel that a tribute must be paid to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Andrews for the catering. These two very fine people are always most helpful, and they served a delicious morning tea.

To the President and Committee of the Association, our appreciation of all they do to enable us to carry on the Art Group so successfully.

I take this opportunity of wishing all our fellow members of the T.P.I. Association, their wives and families, a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a trouble-free New Year.

AN AUSTRALIAN V.C. GOES HOME

Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's Priory, Austin Wood, Gerrard's Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Air Vice-Marshal Gordon-Finlayson, R.A.F., and Air Marshal A. M. Murdoch, R.A.A.F., at the funeral.

From London, Sergeant Drummer Frank A. Kennedy has sent these photographs, and the account of the funeral of Air Vice-Marshal McNamara,

THE funeral of Air Vice-Marshal Frank Hubert McNamara, V.C., took place at St. Joseph's Priory, Austin Wood, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire. It was preceded by a Solemn Requiem Mass. The Rev. Jarlah Flynn, O.D.C., officiated.

The coffin was placed before the altar and draped with the Australian Ensign, on which lay the Air Vice-Marshal's sword. Among the large congregation were Air Marshal A. M. Murdoch, C.B., C.B.E.; Wing Commander McNamara; Wing Commander Marshall, Flight Lieut. B. W. Overton, representing The Royal Australian Air Force; Air Vice-Marshal Gordon-Finlayson, Director of Personnel Services, who represented The Air Council and The Royal Air Force; Air Marshal Sir Philip and Lady Babington; Lady Newnes, and Lady Sinclair Paul.

The family mourners were: Mrs. Frank McNamara (widow), Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McNamara (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Anne McNamara (daughter) and Mr. P. N. Rogers.

Air Vice-Marshal Francis Hubert McNamara, who was aged 66, gained his Victoria Cross in Palestine in 1917. He was the only Australian airman to win this decoration in the 1914-18 war. He was serving as Lieutenant in No. 1 Squadron when he rescued another pilot.

The official citation says the incident was "during an aerial bomb attack on a hostile construction train when one of our pilots was forced to land behind the enemy lines. Lieut. McNamara observed this pilot's predicament and the fact that hostile cavalry were aproaching, descended to his rescue. He did this under heavy rifle fire and in spite of the fact that he himself had been severely wounded in the thigh."

THE BALLARAT CLUB REPORT

"IT HAS BEEN A FULL YEAR"

Says Hon. Secretary Alex. Bell

THE past twelve months have been rather hectic. Our membership remains, in numbers, about the same as that of 1960. For though, regrettably, the Great Reaper took ten of our number, others have joined up and taken their places.

Our President, Mr. Bill Whamond, has had an excellent year. His devotion to his office has been outstanding, particularly in his visitations to widows in their hour of trouble, when he has done everything possible to help them readjust their lives.

We very much appreciate the regular visits of the Repatriation Representative to Ballarat. They have been of wonderful help and guidance to all concerned. In fact the Returned Men and Women of all sections have been most favourably impressed with the courtesy and consideration at all times extended by the Repatriation Official.

The "Listening Ear" reception has been 100 per cent.

During the earlier part of the year we organised a Bowling Club, and it has proved a boon to our members who are able to play. We had a visit from the Melbourne T.P.I. Club, and arranged several games with our Ballarat clubs. During the winter season we had Indoor Bias Bowls every Thursday afternoon, and, again, those of our members who could participate spent many enjoyable hours. The R.S.L. Bowling Club has helped us immensly, by giving us the use of all the amenities on the greens, and Indoor Bowls and mats.

Generally speaking, we have had a very good year. And we send greetings to all readers of "Chin Up!" Good Luck be with you over the Festive Season, and a Happy New Year to follow. Good fellowship and, above all, Good Health be yours.

BENDIGO SOCIAL CLUB REPORT

Hon. Secretary Tom Wellins says:

"Come and join, you local T.P.I's"

OUR club holds a get-together for members every alternate Thursday in the R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Bendigo.

The Ladies' Auxiliary hold card afternoons each alternate Tuesday, except when the monthly meeting intervenes.

The Annual Dinner of the Bendigo Club will be held on December 13th, at 1 p.m. We are expecting a very good attendance of members and their wives, and also of widows of deceased members. A very good time is assured, and all members of the Bendigo and District T.P.I. Social Club are asked to come along.

Our membership is now up over the 100 mark, but it would be appreciated if all members of the T.P.I. Association in the Bendigo district would come along and join our club. We are unable to help if we don't know who to help, and your viewpoint on subjects dealing with T.P.I.'s in general may be very helpful in general discussion.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, and Better Health during 1962.

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THE YOUNGSTER AND THE BIRDS

By Harry Wilson

THE day I met The Youngster was warm; one of those early summer days when you leave off your coat and wander along, sit awhile, then on again.

As he came towards me the dust lifted with every step he took. We met on the bridge. He stood about three feet and a bit, skinny, but he had about him the alertness of a bird, and hung around his neck — a pair of binoculars.

Eyeing the binoculars I carried he stopped and said, "Good-day, are you one of US."

By the blue wren badge on his shirt "US" was the Victorian Observers' Club. "No, I was not one of 'US.' Just a bird lover looking about."

He talked on this and that about birds. I felt he was summing me up. He was. The Youngster must have been satisfied, for suddenly he said, "Come and sit on the bank. The pardolottes will be here soon."

He was a stickler for scientific names, gleaned from Leach's Bird Book; but to you and me this pardolotte is the Diamond bird who nests at the end of a tunnel — frequently in creek banks, but often found high up on hillsides.

"Here comes the female. Be quiet." The tiny bird — duller than the male — with yellow spots on the head, alighted on the wattle branch above us. She paused. We kept still.

Like a flash she flew down to a root projecting from the bank just below us. Then she was gone. Her tunnel entrance was opposite and only four inches from the root perch.

Soon the male followed and repeated her performance.

The Youngster had marked the spot on the root where they had alighted. An ornithologist was coming to photograph them. He could focus on the spot, then operate his camera by remote control.

My stillness must have further satisfied The Youngster. He said, "I will show you some nests." Now the afternoon had become warmer, a bit too warm for exertion so I was not sorry to hear Marj. call, "Dad, it's time to go home." However, the Youngster and I arranged to meet at eight next morning.

I wasn't very interested in just nests, but The Youngster had a keenness I wanted to know more of. Right on eight we met on the bridge. The track, carpeted with brown pods of silver wattle and spotted black with countless seeds, followed the creek through fairly open bush.

The native violets were still blooming, and there were masses of the white and violet flowers set among the leaves and moss. These violets are much valued overseas for miniature gardens.

We came to an open paddock; clambered through a barb-wire fence, and followed the creek. Beneath a silver wattle he stopped and pointed to a yellow robin high up. Too high for close observation. Further on his keen, young eyes located a golden bronze Cuckoo. Only the bird's movement among the wattles gave its position away, so well did it merge with the foliage.

We crossed a bridge and plunged into thick bush tangled with wire grass and fallen, decaying logs. A haven for native birds, and I suppose, snakes, but we did not see any of the latter.

His three feet and a bit let him walk the track comfortably but my six feet had

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PHILIP MORRIS, MARLBORO, REVELATION

to bend and sometimes nearly double to dodge branches and limbs. It was worth it!

He led the way, passed two enormous moss covered logs, then motioned a stop and almost whispered, "Look, a golden whistler's nest." In the half light of the bush we saw the bird on the nest. It was in a shrub with a fairly heavy foliage like a Pittosporum.

The nest was only about six feet from the ground, and by stretching I could look into it. I stayed still; The Youngster went closer and quietly moved up on to a log, bringing his head up on a higher level than the nest.

He started to talk to the bird, then, still talking, stretched out his hand and gently stroked that wild bird.

There are not enough superlatives to express my amazement and pleasure. To say the least, I was dumbfounded. It was wonderful to hear that young voice murmuring, and the bird still sitting while he stroked it. This was really bird nesting and bird observing.

We left the nest and moved a few yards. He showed me the nest with young ones of the not very common rufous Fantail. (The young had been leg banded for study by ornithologists.) The parent birds twittered and hovered around excitedly, then, as though to distract our attention from the young, flew away.

As the specific name implies, this fantail is mainly rust-red in colour and, I think, one of our most glorious birds. Like other fantails, much of their food is insects taken on the wing. Their swift, darting flight in quickly differing directions after their meal makes one think they are a bundle of nerves.

It was my privilege, during the following days, to watch the young leave the nest and join the parent birds up among the branches, and to glimpse them flying about the bush and creek banks.

So The Youngster led me from shrub to shrub, tree to tree. Many nests we could see at heights beyond us. We saw many species of birds on those warm summer days. Yellow-faced honeyeaters; yellow robins; helmeted honeyeaters; firetails; silver eyes; blue wrens; rufous whistler; fantail cuckoo; swift parrots. Bronzewing pigeons rose with a whirr from gorging on wattle seed.

All this I saw and enjoyed just because The Youngster thought I must be one of US and because I could keep still.

This piece of secluded bush is within thirty miles of Melbourne but bird observers do not advertise it so I hope no one embarrasses me by asking where. I won't be telling.

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T.P.I. SOCIAL BOWLING CLUB

(By J. McMullan, Asst. Secretary and Press Correspondent)

FORTY of our members turned up for the opening of the 1961-62 season at East Camberwell, and had a great day. East Camberwell, as always, were great hosts, and their hospitality was acknowledged in a speech by Mr. Bob Burton, Vice-President of the T.P.I. Association, who was present. Our members look forward to another season of bowling with many Host Clubs.

The annual visit to Sunraysia was, as usual, a great success, and 35 members—and 17 wives—enjoyed a great holiday as guests of the Sunraysia Bowling Association.

Games of seven rinks were played at Coomealla, Merbein, Redcliffs, Irymple, Wentworth and Mildura. Unfortunately we missed our usual night game at the Workingman's Club because the greens there were out of commission. But a grand week of bowls was concluded on Saturday night, October 14th, with a game under the lights against the Sunraysia Bowling Association, when three representatives from each of the seven clubs, plus three members of the Robinvale Club, gathered to play against the T.P.I.'s—a fine gesture which was greatly appreciated.

All the games were played in good spirit. We were trounced in some games, but did better in others. Popular Dooley Milner, of Footscray Club, was our most successful skipper, and landed the trophies for his rink on three occasions. It's nice to see the veterans beat the youngsters now and then.

The popular president of Sunraysia Association, Tom McCarthy, skipped the Official Rink, comprising Cr. Roy Hayes, Fred Barratt and Bert Swingler, and played against chairman Bill Peterson, Clem Garing, Jack McMullan and Les Beagley. The winning rink for Sunraysia was skipped by Frank Cooke, with Charlie Tyson and Cliff Burrows of Wentworth, and B. Cash of Coomealla. The T.P.I.'s successful skipper was again Dooley Milner, ably supported by Bert Wilcox, Ted Dinsdale and Ben Keene.

T.P.I. SOCIAL BOWLING CLUB.
Office-Bearers—1961-62.

THE following Office-Bearers of the Club were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman—Bill Peterson.

Immediate Past-Chairman — Les Beagley.

Vice-Chairmen—Keith Pomroy and Merv. Newskip.

Hon. Sec.-Treasurer—Clem Garing.

Asst. Sec.-Press Correspondent—Jack McMullan.

Committee — Jack Kingston, Alf Westley, Geo. Stott.

Many locals gathered to watch the final night, played on the greens of Mildura Bowling Club. After play, players were entertained in the club rooms by the ladies. There, President Tom said how happy they had all been to welcome the T.P.I.'s and their ladies; and in reply Chairman Bill Peterson thanked the Sunraysia Association and the Clubs for their magnificent hospitality and generous entertainment.

The hospitality and friendship extended to us was indeed magnificent, and our appreciative thanks go to all concerned for the memorable time they gave us.

On the Saturday afternoon, October 14th, we had a fine Murray River trip in the

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paddle steamer, "Mayflower." Captain Poyton was a great host, and our "voyage" was just what the doctor ordered. The few hours of peaceful leisure were much enjoyed, and were enlivened by the Captain's first-class commentary during the trip, when he told us much of the history of Old Man Murray.

And so we returned to Melbourne, rich in memories of days of happy comradeship, and delighted to have been once more able to renew friendship with our good hosts of Sunraysia.

T.P.I. BOWLING CLUB.

ON September 26th, 1961, I attended the opening of the T.P.I. Bowling Season, held at the East Camberwell Bowling Club.

The T.P.I. bowlers were welcomed by the President of East Camberwell Bowling Club at afternoon tea. The President of the T.P.I. Bowling Club, Mr. Bill Peterson, replied to the welcome.

There was some very keen competition during the afternoon, with between 70 and 80 bowlers taking part. All those who were there enjoyed a very pleasant day.

I cannot speak too highly of the work and organisation put into our T.P.I. Bowling Club by the President, Mr. Bill Peterson; the Secretary, Mr. L. Garing and members of the Committee.

The high esteem in which members of the Club are held outside, brings credit to this Association.

To all T.P.I. members, their wives and families, I extend Christmas and New Year Greetings.

R. D. BURTON,
Vice-President.

T.P.I. STAMP CLUB

MORE interest is developing in the T.P.I. Stamp Club, and the membership has grown to over 20.

At the annual meeting held on July 20th, the office-bearers elected for 1961-62 were:

President—Major V. H. Henderson.
Vice-President—Mr. A. F. Neal.
Hon. Secretary—Mr. A. O. Archer.
Hon. Treasurer—Mr. H. Elliot.

The date of meeting has been changed from the third Monday to the third Thursday of each month.

SOLDIERS OF THE LINE

By Bluey Adams, ex-58th Battalion (known as The King of the Mules)

THIS is a story of two old Diggers as I saw them in the Depression years, doing the country towns per boot. They would take on any kind of work, inside or outside, it did not worry them.

On this particular day, the sun shining and a large homestead looming up, Jack says to Blue: "Look ahead! We'll try for some work."

Madam opens the door. Both hats came off, and they bowed low. And in real old Dig style: "Yes Ma'am, we'll do anything you want us to, Ma'am."

"Will you beat my carpets on the clothes line?"

"Certainly, Ma'am."

The carpets were hung on the line, and with two pick handles the old Diggers got stuck into them properly.

Madam kept having a peep at them through the curtains, and how pleased she was to see the work in progress.

The next time she looked she saw one of the Digs leaning on his pick handle, resting, and the other turning somersaults on the lawn.

She rushed out, laughing and clapping her hands. "Look at your mate," she called to the resting one. "Ain't he clever? I'm holding a big party here tonight, and if he'll come along and turn those somersaults like that I'll give you a pound each. Do you think he will?"

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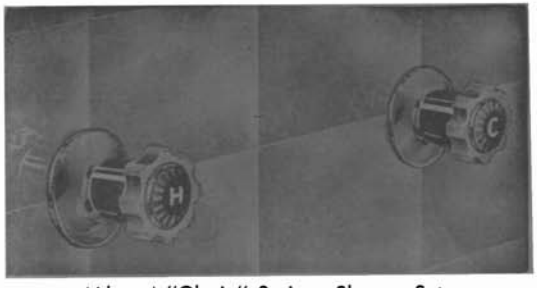

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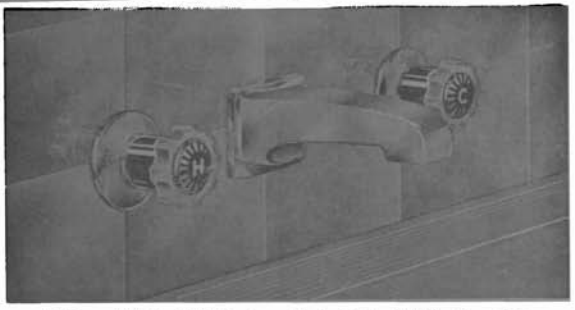

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By One of Them

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I joined this army five years ago, and I thought that I was very badly off. But after many trips to Heidelberg Military Hospital I now realise that I have small ground for complaint.

You see, my husband is a T.P.I. We live at Williamstown, which is roughly 20 miles from the Military Hospital. When my husband is out there I do that trip, by train and bus, six days a week. But I have no young children to leave at home. And I've only once seen my man with tubes in his nostrils, with blood banks and oxygen.

One young girl recently was telling me that she travels 30 miles each way every day — her husband being on the D.I. List. At home are two children not yet eight years old. That girl wouldn't be more than 33, but she looks a tired, weary old woman.

On Sunday I had a cuppa — a great comfort — between afternoon and evening visiting hours. At my table was the other end of the line. She was about 70, and comes six days a week from Wynderite.

Then there are the wives of the mentally ill men. They can go out there every visiting day for three to six months, often dragging small children.

Then there are the lung wards. Their visiting finishes at eight o'clock. But the bus doesn't come to take you to the station till after eight thirty, when ordinary visiting finishes. It's pretty miserable waiting in bleak Heidelberg every day for forty minutes!

But, again, there is many a laugh. And all are friendly to each other. So we all are in the same plight, and trying always to keep a smile on our face INSIDE the wards.

Yes! They form an army of Brave Women.

CHRISTMAS

As fits the Holy Christmas birth,
Be this, good friends, our carol still—
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,
To men of gentle will.

—Thackeray.

PARLIAMENTARY LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT.

THE year 1961 can be looked back on with a certain amount of satisfaction.

In the Federal Sphere, with reference to individual cases in regard to installation of telephones, members are reminded that the quickest way is through their Federal Member. Many War Service Home anomalies were rectified.

In the State sphere, a great deal of success was achieved in general, and also in individual instances.

Our thanks go to the State Electricity Commission; the Metropolitan Board of Works; the Chief Secretary; the Attorney General's Department; the Land Tax authorities; the Minister of Transport—in fact, one could go on and on.

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GEORGE MARCHANT,
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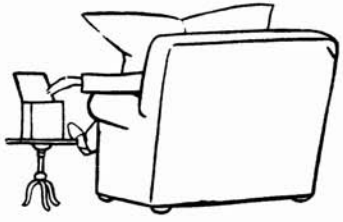

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coins in 1812, 40,000 Spanish Dollars were brought to Australia, and to prevent them from being taken from the country, the centre was punched out. The ring was called the "Holy Dollar," valued at five shillings, and the centre became "The Dump," valued at one shilling and threepence.

The tokens were issued by various firms and were, in the main, bronze coins. These tokens were used freely until 1860, and then, with the arrival of new bronze coinage from England, they were declared illegal.

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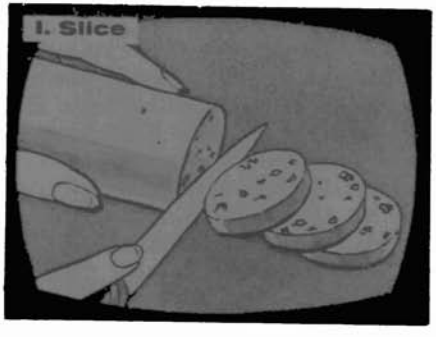

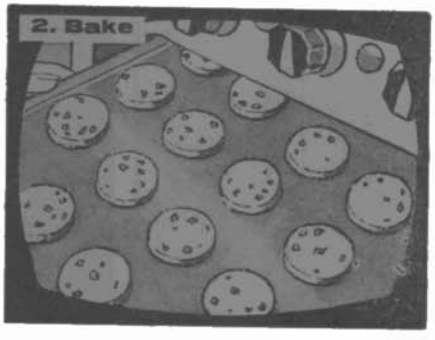

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DO YOU KNOW?

Some items of interesting military information collected and supplied to "Chin Up!" by Mr. C. C. Soden, Fellow of the Royal Society of Military Research.

THE first bolt action B.L. rifle was the "Needlegun," adopted by the Prussian army in 1848. It was discarded in 1854 owing to failure to make the breech gas-proof, which resulted in most of the propelling power being lost.

The English "Snider," produced in 1861, was discarded for the same reason. Its place was taken by the "Martini Henry," issued in 1871.

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WHILE the English artillery did not possess a field gun featuring a cylinder recoil system until the "Haldane" model of 1908, the French had adopted this very same system in all their '75's as far back as 1871.

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THE "platoon" formation originated in Roman times when, for easy and rapid handling, all "Legions" were sub-divided into what were termed "Maniples," i.e., manipulate (verb).

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MILITARY bands, as we know them to-day did not come into existence until 1690. In 1650, it is true, a half-baked attempt was made to establish such a feature, but as the instruments consisted of only two horns, two drums and, of all things, two violins, the music the bandsmen produced was not exactly 100 per cent. martial.

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FROM 1780 until around 1830 many "brass" wind instruments were made of leather, decorated with brass.

Just after Waterloo, at a big parade held in Hyde Park in honour of the great victory, Lord Bellamy, one of the King's Aides de Camp, was asked what he thought of the music produced by the new type of instruments.

He curtly replied that "if the braying of asses and the howling of wolves constituted good music, then indeed they were a great success."

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THE origin of the "Slow March" pace at military funerals is as follows. In medieval times only very high ranking nobles were buried with full military honours. Their bodies, wrapped in their personal family Standards, were laid on the floor of a waggon which, drawn by six ornately decorated cart horses, moved off to the burial place. Behind the waggon marched a band of retainers who at intervals blew long mournful blasts on trumpets.

As the speed of the waggon team was of necessity reduced to a mere crawl, this resulted in the escort following suit.

Thus was born the funeral "Slow March," which prevailed right down the centuries to the present time.

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THE first military "Clink" of a permanent nature was built at Chatham, just outside London, in 1749, and as the Duke of Brunswick was on a visit to London at the time, King George II saw fit to take him there on a tour of inspection, explaining that only really "bad hats" were incarcerated there.

It may be imagined that he, the King, received quite a shock when, in the presence of the Duke, an enquiry of the military governor as to who of all the prisoners in his care were the worst behaved, he was told they were two troopers of the Royal Lifeguards.

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